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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations – Temporary Volunteer Dentist’s License, Temporary**  
3 **Volunteer Dental Hygienist’s License, and Temporary Dental Clinic Permit**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a temporary volunteer dentist’s license, a temporary  
5 volunteer dental hygienist’s license, and a temporary dental clinic permit under  
6 the State Board of Dental Examiners; establishing certain procedures for  
7 dentists, dental hygienists, and bona fide charitable organizations to apply for  
8 certain licenses and permits; establishing the scope of practice of certain  
9 licenses; prohibiting the Board from requiring continuing education as a  
10 condition for the issuance of certain licenses; requiring temporary dental clinics  
11 to have a medical emergency plan, certain equipment, and certain safeguards;  
12 specifying certain powers of the Board; altering certain definitions; defining a  
13 certain term; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to the  
14 establishment of a temporary volunteer dentist’s license, a temporary volunteer  
15 dental hygienist’s license, and a temporary dental clinic permit.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Article – Health Occupations  
18 Section 4–101, 4–304, and 4–308  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
22 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article – Health Occupations**

24 4–101.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

2 (b) “Board” means the State Board of Dental Examiners.

3 (c) “Dental appliance” means any:

4 (1) Oral prosthesis;

5 (2) Orthodontic appliance;

6 (3) Regulatory appliance;

7 (4) Supportive appliance; or

8 (5) Other intraoral appliance or restoration.

9 (d) “Dental hygienist” means an individual, other than a dentist, who  
10 practices dental hygiene.

11 (e) “Dental laboratory” means any commercial laboratory or workroom in  
12 which a person engages in dental laboratory work.

13 (f) “Dental laboratory work” means making, repairing, or altering a dental  
14 appliance extraorally.

15 (g) “Dentist” means an individual who practices dentistry.

16 (h) (1) “License” means, unless the context requires otherwise, a license  
17 issued by the Board to:

18 (i) Practice dentistry; or

19 (ii) Practice dental hygiene.

20 (2) “License” includes, unless the context requires otherwise:

21 (i) A general license to practice dentistry;

22 (ii) A limited license to practice dentistry;

23 (iii) A teacher’s license to practice dentistry;

24 (iv) A general license to practice dental hygiene;

25 (v) A teacher’s license to practice dental hygiene;

26 (vi) A retired volunteer dentist’s license to practice dentistry;

1 (vii) A retired volunteer dental hygienist’s license to practice  
2 dental hygiene;

3 (viii) A volunteer dentist’s license to practice dentistry; [and]

4 (ix) A volunteer dental hygienist’s license to practice dental  
5 hygiene;

6 (X) A TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER DENTIST’S LICENSE TO  
7 PRACTICE DENTISTRY; AND

8 (XI) A TEMPORARY DENTAL HYGIENIST’S LICENSE TO  
9 PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE.

10 (i) (1) “Licensed dental hygienist” means, unless the context requires  
11 otherwise, a dental hygienist who is licensed by the Board to practice dental hygiene.

12 (2) “Licensed dental hygienist” includes, unless the context requires  
13 otherwise, a holder of:

14 (i) A general license to practice dental hygiene;

15 (ii) A teacher’s license to practice dental hygiene;

16 (iii) A retired volunteer dental hygienist’s license to practice  
17 dental hygiene; [or]

18 (iv) A volunteer dental hygienist’s license to practice dental  
19 hygiene; OR

20 (V) A TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER DENTAL HYGIENIST’S  
21 LICENSE TO PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE.

22 (j) (1) “Licensed dentist” means, unless the context requires otherwise, a  
23 dentist who is licensed by the Board to practice dentistry.

24 (2) “Licensed dentist” includes, unless the context requires otherwise,  
25 a holder of:

26 (i) A general license to practice dentistry;

27 (ii) A limited license to practice dentistry;

28 (iii) A teacher’s license to practice dentistry;

1 (iv) A retired volunteer dentist's license to practice dentistry;  
2 [or]

3 (v) A volunteer dentist's license to practice dentistry; OR

4 (VI) A TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER DENTIST'S LICENSE TO  
5 PRACTICE DENTISTRY.

6 (k) "Practice dental hygiene" means to:

7 (1) Perform a preliminary dental examination;

8 (2) Perform a complete prophylaxis, including the removal of any  
9 deposit, accretion, or stain from the surface of a tooth or a restoration;

10 (3) Polish a tooth or a restoration;

11 (4) Chart cavities, restorations, missing teeth, periodontal conditions,  
12 and other features observed during preliminary examination, prophylaxis, or  
13 polishing;

14 (5) Apply a medicinal agent to a tooth for a prophylactic purpose;

15 (6) Take a dental X ray;

16 (7) Perform a manual curettage in conjunction with scaling and root  
17 planing;

18 (8) Administer local anesthesia in accordance with § 4-206.1 of this  
19 title; or

20 (9) Perform any other intraoral function that the Board authorizes by  
21 a rule or regulation adopted under § 4-206 of this title.

22 (l) "Practice dentistry" means to:

23 (1) Be a manager, a proprietor, or a conductor of or an operator in any  
24 place in which a dental service or dental operation is performed intraorally;

25 (2) Perform or attempt to perform any intraoral dental service or  
26 intraoral dental operation;

27 (3) Diagnose, treat, or attempt to diagnose or treat any disease, injury,  
28 malocclusion, or malposition of a tooth, gum, or jaw, or structures associated with a  
29 tooth, gum, or jaw if the service, operation, or procedure is included in the curricula of  
30 an accredited dental school or in an approved dental residency program of an  
31 accredited hospital or teaching institution;

1 (4) Perform or offer to perform dental laboratory work;

2 (5) Place or adjust a dental appliance in a human mouth; or

3 (6) Administer anesthesia for the purposes of dentistry and not as a  
4 medical specialty.

5 (m) Except as provided in § [4-308(e)(2)] **4-308(F)(2)** of this title,  
6 “supervision” means supervision of a dental hygienist by a dentist, where the dentist  
7 may or may not be present when the dental hygienist performs the dental hygiene  
8 procedures but is available on the premises.

9 **(N) “TEMPORARY DENTAL CLINIC PERMIT” MEANS, UNLESS THE**  
10 **CONTEXT REQUIRES OTHERWISE, A TEMPORARY PERMIT ISSUED BY THE BOARD**  
11 **TO A BONA FIDE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE DENTAL SERVICES TO**  
12 **THE POOR, ELDERLY, OR DISABLED AT A DENTAL CLINIC.**

13 **[(n)] (O)** “Third party” means any person who collects premiums, assumes  
14 financial risks, pays claims, or provides administrative services relating to any:

15 (1) Insurance policy;

16 (2) Insurance contract;

17 (3) Health prepayment contract;

18 (4) Health care plan; or

19 (5) Nonprofit health service plan contract.

20 4-304.

21 (a) To apply for a license, an applicant shall:

22 (1) Submit an application to the Board on the form that the Board  
23 requires; and

24 (2) Pay to the Board an application fee set by the Board.

25 (b) In addition to the other requirements of this section, an applicant for a  
26 limited license to practice dentistry shall submit to the Board a written request, from  
27 the hospital, sanatorium, dental school, or public health program to which the practice  
28 is to be limited, that the license be issued.

1 (c) To apply for a retired volunteer dentist's license [or], a volunteer  
2 dentist's license, **OR A TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER DENTIST'S LICENSE** to practice  
3 dentistry, an applicant:

4 (1) Shall submit an application to the Board on the form that the  
5 Board requires; and

6 (2) May not be required to pay an application fee.

7 (d) (1) At least 30 days before the examination, an applicant for a general  
8 license to practice dental hygiene shall submit the application to the Board.

9 (2) In addition to the other requirements of this section, an applicant  
10 for a license to practice dental hygiene shall submit to the Board:

11 (i) Satisfactory evidence of graduation from a dental hygiene  
12 program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental  
13 Accreditation; and

14 (ii) Any other credentials that the Board requires.

15 (e) To apply for a retired volunteer dental hygienist's license [or], a  
16 volunteer dental hygienist's license, **OR A TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER DENTAL**  
17 **HYGIENIST'S LICENSE** to practice dental hygiene, an applicant:

18 (1) Shall submit an application to the Board on the form that the  
19 Board requires; and

20 (2) May not be required to pay an application fee.

21 **(F) TO APPLY FOR A TEMPORARY DENTAL CLINIC PERMIT, AN**  
22 **APPLICANT:**

23 **(1) SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION ON THE FORM THAT THE**  
24 **BOARD REQUIRES; AND**

25 **(2) MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO PAY AN APPLICATION FEE.**

26 4-308.

27 (a) A general license to practice dentistry issued under this title authorizes  
28 the licensee to practice dentistry while the license is effective.

29 (b) While it is effective, a limited license to practice dentistry issued under  
30 this title authorizes the licensee to practice dentistry, including as an intern or a  
31 resident:

1 (1) Only for the institution or public health program named on the  
2 license; and

3 (2) Only on patients of the institution or public health program named  
4 on the license.

5 (c) While it is effective, a retired volunteer dentist’s license or a volunteer  
6 dentist’s license to practice dentistry issued under this title authorizes the licensee to  
7 practice dentistry:

8 (1) Only in a dental office, dental clinic, ambulatory care facility, or  
9 hospital;

10 (2) Only for an entity providing medical care to the poor, elderly, or  
11 [handicapped] **DISABLED** that is operated by:

12 (i) The State or a local government;

13 (ii) A bona fide charitable organization; or

14 (iii) Any other entity authorized under regulations adopted by  
15 the Board;

16 (3) If the dentist signs a written statement agreeing to donate at least  
17 100 hours of dental services without compensation in a facility that satisfies the  
18 requirements of items (1) and (2) of this subsection;

19 (4) If the dentist provides documentation as required by the Board  
20 which evidences that the licensee is covered by malpractice insurance; and

21 (5) If the dentist does not otherwise practice dentistry for profit in  
22 Maryland.

23 **(D) (1) WHILE IT IS EFFECTIVE, A TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER**  
24 **DENTIST’S LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSEE TO**  
25 **PRACTICE DENTISTRY:**

26 **(I) ONLY IN A TEMPORARY DENTAL CLINIC PROVIDING**  
27 **MEDICAL CARE TO THE POOR, ELDERLY, OR DISABLED THAT IS OPERATED BY:**

28 **1. A BONA FIDE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION;**

29 **2. THE STATE OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT; OR**

30 **3. A LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT;**

1                   **(II) 1. IF THE DENTIST HOLDS A GENERAL LICENSE TO**  
2 **PRACTICE DENTISTRY IN ANOTHER STATE THAT PERMITS CLINICAL PRACTICE**  
3 **AND THE DENTIST IS NOT SUBJECT TO CLINICAL RESTRICTIONS; AND**

4                   **2. THE DENTIST HAS PASSED:**

5                   **A. THE NORTH EAST BOARD REGIONAL CLINICAL**  
6 **EXAMINATION; OR**

7                   **B. HAS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD A NOTARIZED**  
8 **AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD INDICATING**  
9 **THAT FOR THE 5 YEARS PRECEDING APPLICATION, THE APPLICANT HAS**  
10 **ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN PRACTICING DENTISTRY FOR AT LEAST 850 HOURS;**

11                   **(III) IF THE DENTIST HAS FULFILLED ANY REQUIREMENTS**  
12 **OF THE BOARD RELATING TO KNOWLEDGE OF THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY**  
13 **THE BOARD AND THE LAWS CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY IN THE**  
14 **STATE;**

15                   **(IV) IF THE DENTIST PROVIDES A NOTARIZED AFFIDAVIT TO**  
16 **THE BOARD AGREEING TO DONATE DENTAL SERVICES WITHOUT**  
17 **COMPENSATION FOR A BONA FIDE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION THAT SATISFIES**  
18 **THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (I) OF THIS SECTION;**

19                   **(V) IF THE DENTIST PROVIDES DOCUMENTATION AS**  
20 **REQUIRED BY THE BOARD THAT EVIDENCES THAT THE DENTIST IS COVERED BY**  
21 **MALPRACTICE INSURANCE;**

22                   **(VI) IF THE DENTIST DOES NOT OTHERWISE PRACTICE**  
23 **DENTISTRY FOR PROFIT IN THE STATE; AND**

24                   **(VII) IF THE DENTIST PROVIDES VERIFICATION OF CURRENT**  
25 **CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION CERTIFICATION.**

26                   **(2) A DENTIST WHO HOLDS A TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER DENTIST'S**  
27 **LICENSE MAY NOT ADMINISTER, MAINTAIN, OR MONITOR GENERAL ANESTHESIA**  
28 **OR SEDATION.**

29                   **(3) A DENTIST WHO HOLDS A TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER DENTIST'S**  
30 **LICENSE MAY ONLY PROVIDE SERVICES AUTHORIZED UNDER THE MARYLAND**  
31 **DENTISTRY ACT AND THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD.**

32                   **(4) A DENTIST WHO HOLDS A TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER DENTIST'S**  
33 **LICENSE OR THE TEMPORARY DENTAL CLINIC IN WHICH THE DENTIST IS**

1 PROVIDING SERVICES SHALL PROVIDE A FORM TO A PATIENT AT THE  
2 CONCLUSION OF TREATMENT THAT CONTAINS:

3 (I) A SUMMARY OF THE SERVICES THAT WERE PROVIDED  
4 TO THE PATIENT BY THE DENTIST AND, IF APPLICABLE, THE DENTAL  
5 HYGIENIST; AND

6 (II) INSTRUCTIONS FOR ANY RECOMMENDED FOLLOW-UP  
7 DENTAL CARE.

8 (5) THE BOARD MAY DENY A TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER DENTIST'S  
9 LICENSE ON THE GROUNDS PROVIDED UNDER § 4-315 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

10 (6) A TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER DENTIST'S LICENSE ISSUED TO A  
11 DENTIST UNDER THIS TITLE SHALL BE ISSUED FOR THE DURATION OF THE  
12 TEMPORARY DENTAL CLINIC ONLY AND MAY NOT BE RENEWED.

13 (7) THE BOARD MAY NOT REQUIRE CONTINUING EDUCATION AS A  
14 CONDITION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER DENTIST'S  
15 LICENSE.

16 [(d)] (E) While it is effective, a teacher's license to practice dentistry issued  
17 under this title authorizes the licensee to practice dentistry at only the following  
18 institutions:

19 (1) The institution named on the license; and

20 (2) Other affiliated institutions as appropriate because of the  
21 specialized nature of the services to be performed.

22 [(e)] (F) (1) Except as provided in subsection [(h)] (K) of this section,  
23 while it is effective, a general license to practice dental hygiene issued under this title  
24 authorizes the licensee to practice dental hygiene:

25 (i) Under the supervision of a licensed dentist who is:

26 1. On the premises and available for personal  
27 consultation while the services are being performed; or

28 2. Not on the premises while authorized dental hygiene  
29 services are provided when the requirements of subsection [(i)] (L) of this section have  
30 been fully satisfied; and

31 (ii) Only in a:

32 1. Dental office;



1                                   2.     Adequate facilities and equipment, including portable  
2 equipment where appropriate and appropriate armamentarium, are available for the  
3 appropriate delivery of dental hygiene services; and

4                                   3.     Adequate safeguards are present to protect the  
5 patient's health and safety.

6                                   (4)   (i)    The Board, upon written request or its own motion, may  
7 conduct a public informational meeting on any waiver application.

8                                   (ii)   The Board shall maintain records of all waiver applications  
9 and the criteria and basis for its action on each application.

10                                  (iii)  The Board shall have the power to inspect or review any  
11 facility, location, person, or entity applying for, covered by, or acting under a waiver.

12                                  (5)   (i)    Except as provided under subparagraph (ii) of this  
13 paragraph, the Board shall accept or deny a waiver under paragraph (2) of this  
14 subsection within 60 calendar days of the receipt of the application for the waiver or it  
15 shall be deemed to have been accepted.

16                                  (ii)   If extraordinary circumstances exist, the Board shall accept  
17 or deny a waiver under paragraph (2) of this subsection within 90 calendar days of the  
18 receipt of the application for the waiver or it shall be deemed to have been accepted.

19                                  (6)   Any changes in the procedures or personnel of a facility with a  
20 waiver granted under this subsection shall be reported to the Board within 15  
21 business days after the change.

22                                  **[(f)] (G)**   While it is effective, a retired volunteer dental hygienist's license  
23 or a volunteer hygienist's license to practice dental hygiene issued under this title  
24 authorizes the licensee to practice dental hygiene:

25                                  (1)   Only in a dental office, dental clinic, ambulatory care facility, or  
26 hospital;

27                                  (2)   Only for an entity providing medical care to the poor, elderly, or  
28 handicapped that is operated by:

29                                   (i)    The State or a local government;

30                                   (ii)   A bona fide charitable organization; or

31                                   (iii)  Any other entity authorized under regulations adopted by  
32 the Board;

1 (3) If the dental hygienist signs a written statement agreeing to  
2 donate at least 100 hours of dental hygiene services without compensation in a facility  
3 that satisfies the requirements of items (1) and (2) of this subsection;

4 (4) If the dental hygienist provides documentation as required by the  
5 Board which evidences that the licensee is covered by malpractice insurance; and

6 (5) If the dental hygienist does not otherwise practice dental hygiene  
7 for profit in Maryland.

8 **(H) (1) WHILE IT IS EFFECTIVE, A TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER DENTAL**  
9 **HYGIENIST'S LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSEE**  
10 **TO PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE:**

11 **(I) ONLY IN A TEMPORARY DENTAL CLINIC PROVIDING**  
12 **MEDICAL CARE TO THE POOR, ELDERLY, OR DISABLED THAT IS OPERATED BY:**

13 1. **A BONA FIDE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION;**

14 2. **THE STATE OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT; OR**

15 3. **A LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT;**

16 **(II) IF THE DENTAL HYGIENIST HOLDS A GENERAL LICENSE**  
17 **TO PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE IN ANOTHER STATE THAT PERMITS CLINICAL**  
18 **PRACTICE AND THE DENTAL HYGIENIST IS NOT SUBJECT TO CLINICAL**  
19 **RESTRICTIONS;**

20 **(III) IN ADDITION TO HOLDING A GENERAL LICENSE TO**  
21 **PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE, IF THE DENTAL HYGIENIST:**

22 1. **PROVIDES DOCUMENTATION AS REQUIRED BY**  
23 **THE BOARD WHICH EVIDENCES THAT THE DENTAL HYGIENIST PASSED THE**  
24 **NORTH EAST REGIONAL CLINICAL EXAMINATION; OR**

25 2. **SUBMITS TO THE BOARD A NOTARIZED AFFIDAVIT**  
26 **OR OTHER EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO THE BOARD INDICATING THAT FOR THE**  
27 **3 YEARS PRECEDING APPLICATION, THE DENTAL HYGIENIST HAS ACTIVELY**  
28 **ENGAGED IN PRACTICING DENTAL HYGIENE FOR AT LEAST 150 HOURS;**

29 **(IV) IF THE DENTAL HYGIENIST HAS FULFILLED ANY**  
30 **REQUIREMENTS OF THE BOARD RELATED TO KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAWS AND**  
31 **REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PRACTICE OF DENTAL HYGIENE IN THE STATE;**

1                   (V) IF THE DENTAL HYGIENIST PROVIDES A NOTARIZED  
2 AFFIDAVIT TO THE BOARD AGREEING TO DONATE DENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES  
3 WITHOUT COMPENSATION FOR A BONA FIDE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION THAT  
4 SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (I) OF THIS SECTION;

5                   (VI) IF THE DENTAL HYGIENIST PROVIDES DOCUMENTATION  
6 AS REQUIRED BY THE BOARD EVIDENCING THAT THE DENTAL HYGIENIST IS  
7 COVERED BY MALPRACTICE INSURANCE;

8                   (VII) IF THE DENTAL HYGIENIST DOES NOT OTHERWISE  
9 PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE FOR PROFIT IN THE STATE; AND

10                   (VIII) IF THE DENTAL HYGIENIST PROVIDES VERIFICATION OF  
11 CURRENT CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION CERTIFICATION.

12                   (2) A DENTAL HYGIENIST WHO HOLDS A TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER  
13 DENTAL HYGIENIST'S LICENSE MAY ONLY PROVIDE SERVICES AUTHORIZED  
14 UNDER THE MARYLAND DENTISTRY ACT AND THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY  
15 THE BOARD.

16                   (3) A DENTAL HYGIENIST WHO HOLDS A TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER  
17 DENTAL HYGIENIST'S LICENSE MAY NOT:

18                   (I) ADMINISTER LOCAL ANESTHESIA; OR

19                   (II) ADMINISTER, MAINTAIN, OR MONITOR NITROUS OXIDE  
20 OXYGEN.

21                   (4) WHILE IT IS EFFECTIVE, A TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER DENTAL  
22 HYGIENIST'S LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS TITLE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSEE  
23 TO PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE UNDER THE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF A  
24 DENTIST WHO:

25                   (I) IS ON THE PREMISES;

26                   (II) EXAMINES THE PATIENT AT ANY TIME DURING THE  
27 TREATMENT; AND

28                   (III) IS AVAILABLE FOR PERSONAL CONSULTATION WHILE  
29 THE SERVICES ARE BEING PERFORMED.

30                   (5) A DENTAL HYGIENIST MAY PERFORM AN ASSESSMENT OF  
31 DENTAL NEEDS AND PROVIDE DENTAL HYGIENE SERVICES PRIOR TO AN  
32 EXAMINATION BY A SUPERVISING DENTIST.

1           **(6) THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO:**

2                   **(I) REQUIRE A PRELIMINARY DENTAL EXAMINATION OR**  
3 **TREATMENT BY A DENTAL HYGIENIST; OR**

4                   **(II) PROHIBIT A SUPERVISING DENTIST FROM EITHER**  
5 **EXAMINING A PATIENT OR PROVIDING TREATMENT TO A PATIENT PRIOR TO**  
6 **TREATMENT BY A DENTAL HYGIENIST.**

7           **(7) THE BOARD MAY DENY A TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER LICENSE**  
8 **TO PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE ON THE GROUNDS PROVIDED UNDER § 4-315 OF**  
9 **THIS SUBTITLE.**

10           **(8) A TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER DENTAL HYGIENIST'S LICENSE**  
11 **ISSUED TO A DENTAL HYGIENIST UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE ISSUED FOR**  
12 **THE DURATION OF THE TEMPORARY DENTAL CLINIC ONLY AND MAY NOT BE**  
13 **RENEWED.**

14           **(9) THE BOARD MAY NOT REQUIRE CONTINUING EDUCATION AS A**  
15 **CONDITION FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER DENTAL**  
16 **HYGIENIST'S LICENSE.**

17           **(I) (1) WHILE IT IS EFFECTIVE, A TEMPORARY DENTAL CLINIC**  
18 **PERMIT ISSUED TO A BONA FIDE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION UNDER THIS**  
19 **TITLE AUTHORIZES THE PERMIT HOLDER TO UTILIZE HOLDERS OF A**  
20 **TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER DENTIST'S LICENSE OR A TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER**  
21 **DENTAL HYGIENIST'S LICENSE TO PROVIDE DENTAL SERVICES TO THE POOR,**  
22 **ELDERLY, OR DISABLED AT A TEMPORARY DENTAL CLINIC THAT IS OPERATED**  
23 **BY THE BONA FIDE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION.**

24           **(2) THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE A TEMPORARY DENTAL CLINIC**  
25 **PERMIT TO A BONA FIDE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION THAT MEETS THE**  
26 **REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

27           **(3) A TEMPORARY DENTAL CLINIC PERMIT ISSUED TO A BONA**  
28 **FIDE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION UNDER THIS TITLE SHALL BE ISSUED FOR**  
29 **THE DURATION OF THE DENTAL CLINIC ONLY AND MAY NOT BE RENEWED.**

30           **(4) A BONA FIDE CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION THAT CONDUCTS A**  
31 **TEMPORARY DENTAL CLINIC UNDER THIS TITLE MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO BE**  
32 **PRACTICING DENTISTRY AS DEFINED IN § 4-101 OF THIS TITLE.**

1           **(5) (I) THE STATE, A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OR A LOCAL**  
2 **HEALTH DEPARTMENT THAT PROVIDES DENTAL SERVICES TO THE POOR,**  
3 **ELDERLY, OR DISABLED:**

4                   **1. MAY NOT BE REQUIRED BY THE BOARD TO SEEK**  
5 **AUTHORIZATION UNDER THIS TITLE TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES; AND**

6                   **2. SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE BOARD**  
7 **OF ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE DENTAL SERVICES TO THE POOR, ELDERLY, OR**  
8 **DISABLED AT LEAST 60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE THE SERVICES ARE TO BE**  
9 **PROVIDED.**

10                   **(II) A HOLDER OF AN OUT-OF-STATE LICENSE TO PRACTICE**  
11 **DENTISTRY OR DENTAL HYGIENE WHO WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE DENTAL**  
12 **SERVICES SPONSORED BY THE STATE, A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, OR A LOCAL**  
13 **HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHALL OBTAIN A TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER DENTIST'S**  
14 **LICENSE OR TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER DENTAL HYGIENIST'S LICENSE AS**  
15 **PROVIDED IN THIS TITLE BEFORE PROVIDING THE DENTAL SERVICES.**

16           **(6) A HOLDER OF A TEMPORARY DENTAL CLINIC PERMIT SHALL**  
17 **HAVE:**

18                   **(I) A MEDICAL EMERGENCY PLAN;**

19                   **(II) ADEQUATE EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING PORTABLE**  
20 **EQUIPMENT WHERE APPROPRIATE, AND APPROPRIATE ARMAMENTARIUM**  
21 **AVAILABLE FOR THE APPROPRIATE DELIVERY OF DENTAL SERVICES; AND**

22                   **(III) ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND**  
23 **SAFETY OF PATIENTS.**

24           **(7) THE BOARD MAY:**

25                   **(I) ENTER AND INSPECT A TEMPORARY DENTAL CLINIC IN**  
26 **ORDER TO CARRY OUT A DUTY UNDER THIS TITLE; AND**

27                   **(II) CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION OF A TEMPORARY**  
28 **DENTAL CLINIC OR A HOLDER OF A TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER DENTIST'S**  
29 **LICENSE OR A TEMPORARY VOLUNTEER DENTAL HYGIENIST'S LICENSE**  
30 **PROVIDING DENTAL SERVICES AT THE TEMPORARY DENTAL CLINIC.**

31           **[(g)] (J) While it is effective, a teacher's license to practice dental hygiene**  
32 **issued under this title authorizes the licensee to:**

1 (1) Teach dental hygiene only at the institution named on the license;  
2 and

3 (2) Practice dental hygiene under the general supervision of a licensed  
4 dentist with the institution named on the license.

5 **[(h)] (K)** (1) (i) In this subsection the following words have the  
6 meanings indicated.

7 (ii) “Contractual employee” means a dental hygienist who has  
8 an annual contract to practice dental hygiene an average of at least 8 hours per week  
9 in a facility specified under paragraph (3)(i) of this subsection.

10 (iii) “Facility” includes a program operated within a facility that  
11 is specified under paragraph (3)(i) of this subsection.

12 (iv) “Federally qualified health center” has the meaning stated  
13 in 42 U.S.C. § 254b(a).

14 (v) “Federally qualified health center look-alike” has the  
15 meaning stated in 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(l)(2)(B).

16 (vi) “General supervision” means supervision of a dental  
17 hygienist by a dentist, where the dentist may or may not be present when the dental  
18 hygienist performs the dental hygiene procedures.

19 (2) (i) While effective, a general license to practice dental hygiene  
20 issued under this title authorizes the licensee to practice dental hygiene and apply  
21 sealants or fluoride agents such as professional topical fluoride treatments, mouth  
22 rinse, or varnish:

23 1. Under general supervision in accordance with this  
24 subsection; and

25 2. In a facility specified under paragraph (3)(i) of this  
26 subsection that complies with the requirements of this subsection.

27 (ii) This subsection may not be construed to:

28 1. Authorize a dental hygienist to practice dental  
29 hygiene independent of a supervising dentist;

30 2. Prohibit a dentist from being available for personal  
31 consultation or on the premises where a dental hygienist is practicing; or

32 3. Require a waiver under subsection **[(e)] (F)** of this  
33 section.

1                   (3)   (i)   While it is effective, a general license to practice dental  
2 hygiene issued under this title authorizes the licensee to practice dental hygiene under  
3 general supervision in:

4                               1.   A dental facility owned and operated by the federal,  
5 the State, or a local government;

6                               2.   A public health department or public school of the  
7 State or a county;

8                               3.   A facility in which a program licensed by the  
9 Department is operating;

10                              4.   A facility owned and operated by the Department of  
11 Juvenile Services;

12                              5.   A facility owned and operated by the State or a local  
13 government that provides medical care to the poor, elderly, or handicapped;

14                              6.   A facility in which a federally qualified health center  
15 or a federally qualified health center look-alike is located; or

16                              7.   A facility in which a State licensed Head Start  
17 Program or Early Head Start Program operates.

18                           (ii)   Before a facility may allow a dental hygienist authorized to  
19 practice dental hygiene under general supervision in accordance with this subsection  
20 to practice in the facility, the facility shall report to the Board:

21                                   1.   That the facility is operating under general  
22 supervision; and

23                                   2.   The identity of each supervising dentist and each  
24 dental hygienist.

25                           (4)   A facility in which a dental hygienist is authorized to practice  
26 under the general supervision of a licensed dentist in accordance with this subsection  
27 shall ensure that:

28                                   (i)   The supervising dentist for the facility:

29   1.   Holds an active general license to practice dentistry in  
30 the State;

31   2.   Holds a current certificate evidencing health provider  
32 level C proficiency, or its equivalent, in cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and



1           **[(i)] (L)**     (1)    In this subsection, “private dental office” means a dental  
2 office owned and operated by:

3                           (i)     A licensed dentist; or

4                           (ii)    A professional corporation, partnership, limited liability  
5 company, or limited liability partnership owned and controlled by a licensed dentist.

6                   (2)     While it is effective, a general license to practice dental hygiene  
7 issued under this title authorizes the licensee to practice dental hygiene under the  
8 general supervision of a licensed dentist in a private dental office.

9                   (3)     A private dental office in which a dental hygienist is authorized to  
10 practice under the general supervision of a licensed dentist shall ensure that:

11                           (i)     The supervising dentist holds an active license to practice  
12 dentistry in this State;

13                           (ii)    The dental hygienist holds an active license to practice  
14 dental hygiene in this State;

15                           (iii)   The dental hygienist has at least 1,500 hours of dental  
16 hygiene clinical practice in direct patient care; and

17                           (iv)    There is a written agreement between the supervising  
18 dentist and the dental hygienist practicing under general supervision that clearly sets  
19 forth the terms and conditions under which the dental hygienist may practice,  
20 including a statement that the dental hygienist may provide dental hygiene services  
21 without the supervising dentist on the premises.

22                   (4)     A dental hygienist may perform authorized dental hygiene services  
23 without the supervising dentist on the premises only if:

24                           (i)     After the supervising dentist examines and evaluates a  
25 patient, the prescribed and authorized treatment to be provided by the dental  
26 hygienist is written in the patient’s records;

27                           (ii)    1.     Treatments authorized by a supervising dentist to be  
28 provided by the dental hygienist are rendered no later than 7 months from the date  
29 the patient was examined and evaluated by the supervising dentist; and

30                                   2.     Upon expiration of a prescription or prescribed  
31 treatment, the supervising dentist examines and reevaluates the patient before  
32 writing a new prescription and authorization for treatment;

1 (iii) Prior to an appointment, the patient or the custodial parent  
2 or legal guardian of a minor or incompetent adult shall:

3 1. Be informed that a dental hygienist will be providing  
4 services previously prescribed by a dentist who will not be on the premises during the  
5 appointment; and

6 2. Consent to receiving the dental hygiene services;

7 (iv) Written emergency procedures are in place and the dental  
8 hygienist is trained to implement the emergency procedures;

9 (v) A designated licensed dentist is available for consultation  
10 with the dental hygienist; and

11 (vi) The number of unsupervised clinical hours worked by a  
12 supervised dental hygienist in any given 3-month period is less than 60 percent of the  
13 dental hygienist's total hours worked during that 3-month period.

14 (5) A supervising dentist may not employ more than two dental  
15 hygienists to work under the dentist's general supervision at any given time.

16 **[(j)] (M)** (1) (i) In this subsection the following words have the  
17 meanings indicated.

18 (ii) "Assisted living program" has the meaning stated in §  
19 19-1801 of the Health – General Article.

20 (iii) "General supervision" means supervision of a dental  
21 hygienist by a dentist, where the dentist may or may not be present when the dental  
22 hygienist performs the dental hygiene procedures.

23 (iv) "Long-term care facility" means:

24 1. A nursing home; or

25 2. An assisted living program.

26 (v) "Nursing home" has the meaning stated in §  
27 19-1401 of the Health – General Article.

28 (2) (i) While it is effective, a general license to practice dental  
29 hygiene issued under this title authorizes the licensee to practice dental hygiene under  
30 the general supervision of a licensed dentist in a long-term care facility in accordance  
31 with this subsection.

32 (ii) This subsection may not be construed to:

1                   1.     Authorize a dental hygienist to practice dental  
2 hygiene independent of a supervising dentist;

3                   2.     Prohibit a dentist from being available for personal  
4 consultation or on the premises where a dental hygienist is practicing;

5                   3.     Prohibit a dental hygienist, without the supervision of  
6 a dentist, from performing a preliminary dental examination with subsequent referral  
7 to a dentist; or

8                   4.     Require a waiver under subsection [(e)] (F) of this  
9 section.

10                   (3)    Before a dental hygienist is authorized to practice dental hygiene  
11 under general supervision in a long-term care facility in accordance with this  
12 subsection, the dental hygienist shall:

13                   (i)    Hold an active license to practice dental hygiene in the  
14 State;

15                   (ii)   Hold a current certificate evidencing health provider level C  
16 proficiency, or its equivalent, in cardiopulmonary resuscitation;

17                   (iii)  Have at least 2 years of active clinical practice in direct  
18 patient care; and

19                   (iv)   Ensure that the long-term care facility where the dental  
20 hygienist will practice under general supervision has:

21                   1.     A written medical emergency plan in place;

22                   2.     Adequate equipment, including portable equipment  
23 and appropriate armamentarium, available for the appropriate delivery of dental  
24 hygiene services; and

25                   3.     Adequate safeguards to protect the patient's health  
26 and safety.

27                   (4)    Before a dental hygienist is authorized to practice dental hygiene  
28 under general supervision in a long-term care facility in accordance with this  
29 subsection, the supervising dentist shall:

30                   (i)    Hold an active general license to practice dentistry in the  
31 State;

1 (ii) Hold a current certificate evidencing health provider level C  
2 proficiency, or its equivalent, in cardiopulmonary resuscitation; and

3 (iii) Have at least 2 years of active clinical practice in direct  
4 patient care.

5 (5) A dental hygienist practicing under the general supervision of a  
6 licensed dentist in a long-term care facility and performing an authorized dental  
7 hygiene service for a patient's initial appointment shall:

8 (i) Have a written agreement between the supervising dentist  
9 and the dental hygienist that clearly sets forth the terms and conditions under which  
10 the dental hygienist may practice, including a statement that the dental hygienist  
11 may provide dental hygiene services without the supervising dentist on the premises;

12 (ii) Ensure that the supervising dentist is available for  
13 consultation with the dental hygienist:

14 1. In person;

15 2. By telephone; or

16 3. Electronically;

17 (iii) Consult with the supervising dentist or a treating physician  
18 before proceeding with initial treatment if there is a change in a recall patient's  
19 medical history;

20 (iv) Assess the appropriate recall interval based on the  
21 individual needs of the patient, or as otherwise recommended by the supervising  
22 dentist;

23 (v) Limit dental hygiene tasks and procedures to:

24 1. Toothbrush prophylaxis;

25 2. Application of fluoride;

26 3. Dental hygiene instruction;

27 4. Assessment of the patient's apparent need for further  
28 evaluation by a dentist in order to diagnose the presence of dental disease; and

29 5. Other duties as may be delegated, verbally or in  
30 writing, by the supervising dentist; and

31 (vi) Submit findings of the initial assessment to the supervising  
32 dentist for a determination of future treatment.

1           (6) A dental hygienist may perform subsequent authorized dental  
2 hygiene services without the supervising dentist on the premises only if:

3                   (i) The supervising dentist examines the patient and authorizes  
4 in the patient's record a prescription of specific treatment to be provided by the dental  
5 hygienist;

6                   (ii) An authorized treatment is provided by the dental hygienist  
7 as soon as possible, but no later than 7 months from the date the patient was  
8 examined by the supervising dentist; and

9                   (iii) Upon expiration of a prescribed treatment, the supervising  
10 dentist is responsible for determining future protocols for the treatment of the patient.

11           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 2011.